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Soldiers Get Month's Pay Bonus

IMPORTANT WAR NEWS BULLETINS

PARIS, Jan. 20.—Peace representatives of the big five—England, France, America, Italy and Japan—met at the foreign office today to canvass intricate problems involved in the conference of Paris, but notably the situation in Russia. The grave concern among the international statesmen attending the conference the threat of Bolshevism spreading through Europe is reflected in the decision to appoint a committee to investigate legislation regarding international labor.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—President Wilson's position at the peace conference would be weakened and a renewal of the war made particularly inevitable if the Senate should defeat the President's request for $100,000,000 with which to combat famine in Europe, Senator James Hamilton Lewis declared in the Senate this afternoon. He predicted that American troops would be the first to be attacked in any renewal of hostilities.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Rioting occurred in Berlin during last night after the Spartacans had attempted to destroy the ballot boxes used in Sunday's election. The Spartacans were repulsed everywhere.

OAKLAND TO RICHMOND HARBOR

Deepening of the East Bay waterfront from Oakland as far north as Richmond, in a modified arrangement of the Rees Harbor plan, will be the result of the State Legislature's appropriation of $25,000,000 for local harbor development, which Mayor John L. Davie has been urging in Sacramento, if the plan is appoved, says the Oakland Tribune. This is the statement of Mayor Davie on his return after five days' lobbying for the Oakland bill.

Mayor Davie says that the plan has a good chance, even the Los Angeles delegation looking on it with favor, and that the appropriation will really mean a fifty million fund for water front improvement, as the federal government is to give a like sum for the work.

"If the state will appropriate $25,000,000 to aid in the improvement of our water front, the federal government will appropriate a like amount. This will serve to deepen all the water front as far north as Richmond, and if we have the water front deepened the city will take care of the other necssary improvements.

"I am confident that this measure will receive favorable consideration. It is being supported by Edwin Hurley of Alamda, and I find that the Los Angeles delegation is disposed to help the thing along."

Mayor Davie also said that he would have a measure introduced asking for an appropriation of $250,000 for the erection of a building in Oakland which will be used as a receptacle for permanent exhibits from every county in the state.

"Oakland being located in the center of the state, is the ideal location for such a building," said the mayor.

Miss Viva Miller is convalescing after three weeks of the influenza.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY

SOLDIERS TO BE GIVEN 30 DAYS PAY AND MILEAGE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—With amendments authorizing the payment of thirty days' pay and 5c a mile traveling expenses home to discharged officers and enlisted men, the Senate today passed and sent to conference the House bill to permit soldiers to retain their uniforms.

A provision for bonuses of thirty days' pay is attached to the war revenue bill, now in conference.

The Senate also passed the War Department bill authorizing resumption of enlistments in the regular army.

KAISER AND EMPEROR HAVE MILLIONS HID

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The fact that the former kaisers of Germany and Austria had deposited $150,000,000 in Dutch banks was the only reason that Holland was not invaded during the war, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam today, quoting the Post and The Hague as authority for the statement.

PURCHASE OF LOWER CALIFORNIA IS FAVORED

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 20.—A resolution calling upon Congress to take action looking toward the purchase by the United States of Lower California and a strip of the state of Sonora, Mexico, along the Colorado River, was adopted by the Assembly of the California Legislature today. The purchase was urged as a military necessity and for protection again flood damage.

GERMANS ASK POLES FOR AN ARMISTICE

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Armistice negotiations are reported to have been opened between the Germans and the Poles, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Berlin today. The German government has protested to Russia against interference in German internal affairs.

TAFT OR ROOT ARE PROBABLY SLATED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—That President Wilson is seriously considering the appointment of an additional member of America's peace delegation was learned today from authoritative sources. According to confidential advices reaching Washington through official channels, the President inclines to the belief that during his absence from the conference, for he is to sail for home early next month. America should be represented at the peacee table by her full quota of five delegates.

NEXT "VICTORY" LOAN TO BE THE LAST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Financial departments in the government were interested today in the announcement of Secretary of the Treasury Glass that the "Victory Loan" drive as the Fifth Liberty Loan is to be called, in all probability will be the last.

COLONIZATION AND HARBOR BILLS IN ASSEMBLY

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 20.—Two matters of importance will come up tomorrow before the legislature, when Senator Breek introduces the land colonization scheme, calling for an appropriation of $1,000,000,000 to open up the land for returning soldiers and sailors, and when Assemblyman Prendergast starts his fight for the San Francisco harbor control transfer by proposing an amendment calling fo a referendum to the people.

NEW AUTO STAGE

L. E. Eddelmon was granted a permit to operate a motor stage line yesterday by the Board of Supervisors. The license calls for a motor stage line of a seven-passengr car, between Albany and Richmond, the time schedule to be every twenty minutes, leaving First and Macdonald at 8 in the morning, and every 20 minutes thereafter. On Saturdays and Sundays the stage will run for two hours longer.

CHURCH WORKERS TO MEET

The Sunday school teachers and officers of the First Christian Church will hold a meeting at the home of Mrs. L. M. Alderson, 100 Bissell avenue, tonight for the purpose of re-organizing and the making of new plans for the coming year. A number of projects will be submitted, to be looked into for the betterment of the church life.

SISTER OF PROMINENT LOCAL WOMAN MURDERED

Mrs. Clara Wilson, president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and prominet church woman of this city, yesterday received telegraphic information concerning the murder of her sister, Mrs. Charles W. Colby, near Beaverton, Ore. Mrs. Colby was murdered in her sleep by her husband at the ranch house home of the couple Sunday morning. Colby was a wealthy ranch owner and jealousy is ascribed as the cause of the deed. Immediately after slaying his wife the rancher turned the pistol on himself and commited suicide. He was 68 years old and his wife was 35. They were married in Oakland in 1909.

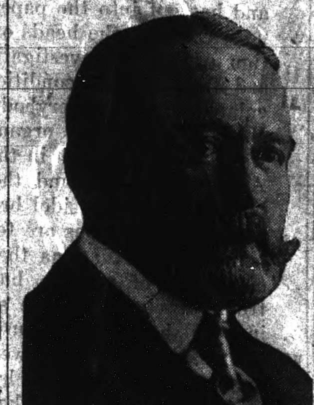
Mrs. Wilson is nearly prostrated over the startling news of this tragedy. She accredits the action on the part of the elderly husband to the disparity in their ages and an insane jealousy on his part, and does not think he could have been in his right mind. He also had some financial troubles over which he had been brooding.

The remains of Mrs. Colby are on their way to Richmond in charge of her sister, Mrs. Charles Dent. Colby will be buried in Oregon. The dead woman is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Miner, 317 South Sixth street, and sister of Mrs. Clara Wilson, F. F. Miner, H. A. Miner, Norman C. Miner and Florence Miner of this city and of H. E. Miner of Martinez and Dorman Miner of Bakersfield.

That the murder was premeditated is proven by the following letter left by Colby and addressed to Frank Struid of Beverton:

"My Dear Frank: This will undoubtedly shock you to the limit of your foundation. I only too well know the magnitude of the action and it is with the greatest reluctance that I am saying anything at all, but my dear boy, there is no way you can understand. I have killed three men in my time and thought no more of it than killing a coyote (one of the most disreputable animals alive) when the cause justifies. But when it comes to killing a woman, one that I not only love but worship that takes the nerve of an iron man. I only wish that I could have been drafted. My God if I hadn't got many a German it would have been that I was a poor shot. Telegraph Mrs. Clara Wilson, 606 Main street, Richmond, Cal. Good-bye, Frank, and may God bless you."

SEN. PHELAN WOULD BUY LOWER CALIF.



SEN. JAMES D. PHELAN

Senator James D. Phelan, who for several years has advocated the acquisition by the United States of Lower California, participated in the discussion of the subject in the Senate when the resolution requesting th President of the United States to open negotiations with the Republic of Mexico for the purchase of this tongue of land nearly 800 miles long with an average width of 100 miles, came up for consideration in the United States Senate.

The purchase of Lower California would give the United States control of the important and magnificent harbor of Magdalena Bay and also possession of the mouth of the Colorado river, sometimes called the Nile of the West, and destined to be as important to us on the Pacific as is the Mississippi to the eastern states.

Senator Phelan contributed an interesting feature to the debate when he pointed out that some time ago the Japanese endeavored to get a foothold in Lower California, in that Japanese merchants and colonizers sought the acquisition of a large tract of land around Magdalena Bay which is a highly desirable acquisition for our naval operations. This scheme he showed was stopped by a resolution introduced by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts stating that any occupation of this sort would be tantamount to an unfriendly act.

SECRETLY MARRIED; BABY GIRL ARRIVES

What turned out to be a truthful rumor was the marriage of Dorman Miner, former Richmond High School student, to Miss Helen Angell, also a former student of the local high. For over a year it was heard that the popular young man, who is now a fireman on the Santa Fe at Bakersfield, had been married, but until he became a father yesterday morning, the rumor was not taken seriously. Miner has tried to keep the marriage a secret, but it leaked out and now the truth is known about how he and Miss

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COUNCIL TALKS HEALTH AND GETS MUCH ADVICE

Ban on Dances and Banquets Stick, Also Masks—Streets to Be Improved—Harbor Work and Routine

The City Fathers masticated a lot of linen last night, without accomplishing anything very startling, as the work before them was largely of a routine nature. Considerable time was spent in listening to a report of Dr. Blake, the City Health Physician, relatives to the influenza situation and the general condition of the public health. The council coincided with the doctor in all the preventive measures he has taken and gave him full authority to continue his fight against the further spread of the epidemic. Much street improvement work was discussed and this line of endeavor is to be started up again at once. The harbor improvements also came in for more or less discussion, and the outlook for some very good business this year because of our new harbor is very bright, according to Wharfinger Misner, who is hard at work on all angles of that job almost day and night.

Six Cuts Roll.

Four members of the City Council and City Clerk Farris were absent from the meeting last night. John Hartnett was absent, due to the misfortune of losing his brother-in-law yesterday morning. Mayor Lane's mother in Monterey is very ill, as is also his brother-in-law, W. E. Osborne of Modesto. Gerlach is recovering from a case of the influenza, as is Gerrard and Farris. Long presided as mayor pro tem with grace and dignity. McVittee substituted fo Farris. Aside from these absentees the rest of the city law-makers were present.

Health Report.

Dr. Blake, City Health Officer, reported on the existing conditions concerning the influenza as very favorable, as is chronicled elsewhere in these columns. Two anonymous letters were read by him, which were received during the week. They contained suggestions as to what should be done by the local health office concerning especially the closing of saloons, lodges, theaters and churches. The health office has so far succeeded in subduing the spread of the influenza, as is shown in the reports. He also mentioned that the masks would continue to be the style, for about three weeks to come.

Flagman at Crossings.

The A. T. & S. F. submitted a deed for the crossings at Fourth and Eighth streets over the Santa Fe tracks. The proposed crossings call for a not greater than 4 per cent grade, and a 40 feet width. The specifications also call for automatic flagman which would be put into commission by the city and maintained by the railroad. The flagmen cost $1,050 each. They would be placed in the center of the highway. The proposition was laid over a week.

Applications for Crossings.

Th council instructed City Attorney Hall to make application to the State Railroad Commission, asking a hearing on the proposed crossing over the Southern Pacific tracks at Bissell avenue, and also to apply for a hearing on the proposed street under the Santa Fe at Sixteenth street, which would open up that region now totally immune from city progress and improvement. There is now only the Third street, Sixth street and Tenth street crossings which connect the south part of Richmond with the business section.

Propose Rip-Rapping.

The A. T. & S. F. Railroad sent in a communication to the Council asking them to look into the matter of improving conditions that now exist on the siding which leads to

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40.000 SHIPYARD WORKERS ON STRIKE

SEATTLE, Jan. 20.—Work at Seattle shipyards and allied shops was resumed today after the Saturday afternoon holiday, but tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock upward of 30,000 union workers will be on strike, according to labor leaders here today. There apparently is no chance of the walkout being averted. The employers declare they are unable to pay the increased wages demanded by the men.

It is expected work on twenty-five vessels will be stopped at Tacoma tonight, where the workers have voted to strike with the Seattle men. It is expected 10,000 men will quit work at Taloma.

Union delegates have gone to Olympia to confer with the men there concerning the strike.

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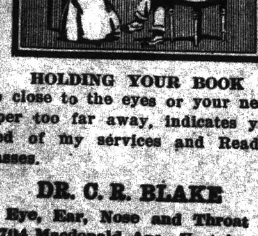

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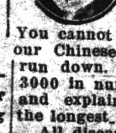

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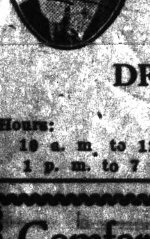

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Y. M. C. A. IN BAD

That the Y. M. C. A. as an organization has got in bad over its war work, especially in Europe, is a self-evident fact. The American soldier has returned and reported,gradually and guardedly but none the less surely, that the Y. M. C. A. did not by any means measure up to the Red Cross or the Salvation Army, or several other active war working societies.

This has caused a great deal of comment and has got into the papers, and there is now asked by the heads of that organization a Federal investigation. It is all a sad and unhappy condition and one calculated to make everybody feel bad. The Y. M. C. A., as an organization, has always been held high in the esteem of the American people, and they dislike very much to have any idol broken.

What the reasons are for the fall down is hard to get at, as they are probably a number of reasons, but looking at it from all viewpoints we should say that, in a nutshell, it is because the Red Cross and Salvation Army were actuated by love and the Y. M. C. A. by cash. Anyhow, that is how it looks to the man up a tree.

For instance, the other two went out and asked the people for subscriptions, and got a million dollars, or two million, or whatever it was. The next we hear of them is out along the front, caring for the wounded and feeding the hungry. We have yet to hear of a wounded soldier having to pay them anything for his treatment, or a hungry one paying anything for the doughnuts and coffee handed out along the trenches. But every one of them testify that if they went into a Y. M. C. A. canteen and bought a package of cigarettes, or anything else, he had to pay money for them. Naturally the question arises why, after the American people had donated the money to buy the cigarettes, or anything else, he had to pay them, any moree than being charged for his medicine in a hospital or the doughnut he ate in the trench. The doughnut was donated, and so was the medicine, and so was the cigarette, and every mother's son of us dug down and contributed to those donations until we were kept broke most of the time—millions upon millions of dollars.

We do not believe the Y. M. C. A. did any intentonal wrong, even though some of its secretaries have been caught embezzling large sums, for such things are liable to happen in any very large organization. There is always a certain per cent of people who are dishonest. BBut that the Y. M. C. A. leans too much toward commercialism and not enough toward love and mercy is probably a fact. They have magnificent places in all large cities, but ifif you go in there and get anything the chances are you are going to pay for it or you won't get it.

Another mistake it made was in trying to be semi-military and apeing after military officers. The club it maintained in London for army officers cost a fortune and was furnished like a palace. And the officers paid, as they could afford to pay, but the attention given the rank and file of the soldiers at Winchester and other places, where whole regiments of common soldiers congregated, was very slim in comparison—in other words, they catered to the coin.

George W. Perkins, now in Europe, says the organization has $80,000,000 yet unspent, but John R. Mott, of the executive council, says they are today operating on borrowed capital. BeB this as it may, our people—this writer for one—contributed liberally to the Y. M. C. A., not once but several times, and now when you ask a returned soldier abou the work done he is loud in his praise of the Red Cross and the Salvation Army, and even of the Knights of Columbus, but if you ask him about the Y. M. C. A. he shrugs his shoulders and changes the subject.

It's a cinch that there is "something rotten in Denmark" somewhere, and if it takes a federal investigation to determine what it is, the quicker it is had the better.

It is published by the Red Cross officials that out of every dollar contributed by the people to that society, only one and four-tenths cents on the dollar was spent in administering relief in all parts of the world.

It would doubtless be interesting to see a statement of the per cent used by the Y. M. C. A.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

This more than important, in fact vital, problem of who shall own and operate the railroads of the country is getting to an acute stage, and nobody seems to be able to solve it in a manner satisfactory to all parties concerned.

It is a problem which the people should do some thinking about themselves, and let their wishes be known to the lawmakers of the land.

We all know of the donwright rottenness which used to prevail under private ownership. We also know that under Government management it has been an expensive experiment, but this latter may be attributed to the war, and probably would be different under peace conditions.

We also know that for the Government to buy all the roads outright would mean such an enormous bonded indebtedness that the people would hardly stand for it. And so nobody gets anywhere in trying to solve the puzzle. Director General McAdoo advises that a tryout of five more years be made, and the owners of the roads won't hear to this at all. And there you are.

Now comes William Jennings Bryan and suggests what may be a way out of the dilema. He suggests that the federal Government take over a trunk line of railroad running from coast to coast, and that the several states take over the rest, within their state boundaries, and that thereafter the roads be operated under a duel ownership and management of the state and the nation.

One very good point that Mr. Bryan makes in this connection, is that under the present system the Government ownership and operation has not been given a fair trial, in that the roads are operated by the same people they were before the Government took them over, and all of those people are against Government ownership. If Government ownership is to have a fair test, he points out, it must be by those who believe in it and want it to succeed, and not by those whose every private interests are against it and who do not want it to succeed. This point is certainly well taken.

The duel plan advocated by Mr. Bryan is at any rate worthy of consideration.

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WANTED—Piano to care for and store for the use. Call evenings or before 10 a. m. 102 5th st.

FOR SALE—Lot 9 in block 15 in the Richmond-Pullman Home tract on Wall, near Roosevelt. Also lots 28 and 29, block 6, in Central Richmond No. 2 on Lenora, near Taft. These lots are together, all for $650. Address, Owner, 1046 Pearlta Ave., Berkeley. t2p

I HAVE some thoroughbred Andulusian Cockerels for sale. Address Postoffice Box 146, Stege, Calif. 316t6p

Miss Louise Ryan is on the sick list at her home with the prevailing ailment.

Contra Costa County Comment

A Peculiar Preacher.

Although under arrest himself on a charge of felony embezzlement, the Rev. Jeremiah L. Bolster yesterday succeeded in making one prisoner shed tears of repentance and another confess to two additional crimes while they were on a train en route from Los Angeles to San Quentin. Bolster up to two months ago occupied the pulpit of the Congregational Church in Antioch. He resigned and refused to heed the request of his congregation to remain.

He was arrested upon complaint of the Osen-Hunter Garage, 191 Twelfth street, Oakland, who charged him with embezzling $1,220.

Bolster denies the charge, stating that he purchased an automobile on terms. The garage states he never rturned the auto nor did he make his payments.

Thousands of Ducks.

Yes, ducks, and not in pairs, or in dozens, but by the hundreds, and maybe thousands. Great flocks of the feathered tribe have come out of the secluded spots and are having the time of their lives, and so are some of the sportsmen, says the Byron Times.

The scene of this great hunting ground is on Clicton Court tract, near Byron, where Messrs. Lamb Bros. have flooded some 500 acres of grain and bean land. The water stands to a depth of something like two and a half feet, with of course some dangerous depths where the water covers the irrigation ditches.

On Sunday a score of hunters were there, and they had the picnic of their lives. The water was covered in the center portion by seemingly thousands of pin tails and canvasbacks.

For several days previous to Sunday countless flocks of mallards made their home there temporarily. For some strange reason, mallards leave when canvasbacks make their appearance.

Martinez Is Recovering.

That the influenza is on the down grade in Martinez and that the quarantine measures adopted a week ago are having the desired effect is proven conclusively by the report of City Health Officer Dr. E. W. Merrithew, submitted on Saturday. In the week ending today only ten new flu cases were reported for Martinez and surrounding community, the smallest number since the first epidemic came in October. There are less than a dozen local families in quarantine at this time.

County Bankers Meet

"The Service Charge on Small Accounts" was the subject of an address delivered before the Contra Costa Bankrs' Association at its meeting in Martinez Saturday afternoon by W. F. Morish, vice president of the First National Bank of Berkeley. This and other topics of important were discussed by the county bankers, nearly every banking house in the county being represented.

"Service Charge on Small Accounts" is nothing more or less than the levying by the banks of a charge 50c per month on all commercial accounts under $50.

The Flu at Other Towns.

In four Contra Costa towns the flu mask ordinance is being rigidly enforced. Richmond was the first to re-enact the ordinance and El Cerrito quickly followed suit. Antioch quickly followed situ. Antioch has a serious situation resultant from the flu epidemic and the wearing of masks there is compulsory. Pittsburg also has many cases of flu and the mask rule is again in force there. In the latter town an emergency municipal hospital has been opened.

Sad Affair at Pittsburg.

Fifteen minutes after he learned of the death of his wife from influenza, William Gordon, electrician employed at the Columbia Steel Works died at his home from heart failure. The couple came here several years afo from Nevada County.

Blast Victim's Estate.

In the estate of the late John B. Snyder, Attorney A. B. Tinning has filed a petition for letters of administration on behalf of Hilda Snyder. The deceased was one of the victims of the Hercules powder blast of a short time ago. The estate is valued at $1,100.

"Ashes of Love" At The Richmond

"Ashes of Love," the new production of the Graphic Film Corporation, written and directed by Ivan Abramson, which is scheduled to show at the Richmond theater today, recently underwent a test before the most critical audiences it is a picture's fate to encounter—the offirials and employes of the produring and distributing company.

This type of audience is particularly hard to please because it not only possesses all the photoplay fan's picture likes and dislikes but it, invariably, adopts a super-critical attitude, born of the fact that each member, as a small part of the concern responsible for its making, feels a certain proprietory interest in the picture and, therefore, the right to express an opinion. Ivan Abramson, on those occasions, knowing what to expect, throws the door to discussion wide open by inviting the frankest criticism.

PLANT DESERVING OF PRAISE

Witch Hazel Has Many Qualities Which Entitle It to Commendation—Valuable in Medicine.

In an article "On Nature's Trail" in Boys' Life, Dr. Edward S Bigelow writes of the last flower of the season, the witch hazel, as follows:

"If we should look at the witch hazel as the last flower of the season, to it we would award the booby prize. But if we consider it in connection with its braving of the cold weather in an effort to beautify the woods, we would give it the first prize. No other flower of the year so bravely withstands the cold weather. It begins to bloom in November or even a little earlier, and clings persistently to its twigs until the first of January or even later, sprinkling the shades of the woods with its feathery, dainty golden bloom. It is said also that it has valuable medicinal qualities. It now is one of the ingredients of various well-known extracts of witch hazel. There is also a curious old-time superstition in regard to its uncanny ability as a divining rod. It is said to be able to point out underground deposits of water and of precious ores. That myth probably originated from a misunderstanding or a misconstruing of its name. This is not primarily witch but wych, which had some relation to a salt spring or dairy house, and was sometimes spelled wick."

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TIMETABLE

Trains for San Francisco leave Richmond:

A. M.	P. M.
6:52	12:12
7:05	1:10
7:42	2:54
9:14	5:12
10:00	5:22
	5:27
	6:06
	6:47
	8:42
	9:50

Boats connecting with trains for Richmond leave San Francisco:

A. M.	P. M.
6:20	1:00
7:20	2:40
7:40	3:40
8:20	4:00
8:40	5:00
9:20	6:20
10:20	*6:40
	8:20
	9:00
	11:40

*Daily and 7:40 Sunday.

BOHEMIA LAND OF PATRIOTS

Popular Idea Concerning the Country and Its People Has Been Far From the Truth.

When Shakespeare wrote of "the seacoast of Bohemia" he showed no cheerfuller disregard of fact than most of us now do when we think of that richly storied country as a land of gypsies forever bent upon gay or wildsome adventure. "Bohemian" has stood for many an age as an appellation for carefree wanderers; yet as originally applied by the French it probably referred to the expatriated disciples of the Bohemian martyr, John Huss. Spiritual and patriotic fervor rather than lightheartedness are the traditional marks of this people, who after long generations of subjection to Teuton Austria are coming into their own.

Bohemia was the home of the Czechs for hundreds of years before Germanic invaders broke in upon its happy freedom, as early, indeed, as the sixth century before Christ. The Czechs' love of country and of liberty and their sense of Slavic kinship with their oppressed Slovak brethren dwelling near by never died or dimmed. Despite tyranny and persecution they have clung to pride in their past and to hope for their future; they have cherished their language, their literature and customs, their common faith and ideals.—Atlanta Journal.

Birch Bark.

The bark of the yellow birch can be compared with nothing else. The tree is unique among trees. The yellow birch, often better called the silver birch, has a bark more tinsel-like than that of any other tree. It seems to have been made for campers to admire, or perhaps, in an emergency, to use to kindle the camp fire. But do not allow the appreciation of the useful to overcome your appreciation of the beautiful. It is true that the bark may thus be used for kindling, and it is also probably true that the removal of the loose bark does not injure the tree, but such removal injures the beauty of the tree, as you then deprive it of its chief characteristic. The manner in which the bark breaks on the main trunk, expands and rolls back in ribbon-like curls and strips, which long remain attached and rustle in every passing breeze could not fail to elicit the admiration of every lover of the forest.

It is noticeable that on old trunks the character of the bark is different, as there it is roughened by irregular plate-like scales.—Boys' Life.

The first reference to "Old King Cole," the "merry old soul" of the famous nursery rhyme, was made in a book written by Dr. William King, who was born in 1633. It is probable that the song was composed in the seventeenth century, although some investigators think it much older. Halliwell identifies the merry monarch with Cole or Coel, a semi-mythical king of Britain who is supposed to have reigned in the third century. The Scots also have an "Old King Coul," said to have lived in the fifth century. Freeman and other historians say a King Cole ruled Britain in the sixth century. There are many who assert that the reference to the pipe indicates that Old King Cole lived at a period after Raleigh had introduced tobacco into Europe, but this does not necessarily follow, as a pipe might mean a musical instrument.

FRATERNAL CARDS

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—Log Cabin Camp No. 687 meets every Monday in W. O. W. Hall, 707 Macdonald avenue. Consul Commander, R. H. Cunningham, residence 520 Ohio street; Clerk, H. L. Springer, residence 101 Ohio street, telephone Richmond 955.

ODD FELLOWS—Eclipse Lodge No. 408, I. O. O. F., meets every Monday night in Bank Hall, Eighth street and Macdonald avenue. George T. Stanley, N. G.; J. W. Shell, Recording Secretary, 136 Second street.

PORTUGAL ROYALISTS SPRING CONSPIRACY

LISBON, Jan. 20.—Royalists today proclaimed a restoration of the monarchy. They named former King Manuel as ruler of Portugal. The monarchy was proclaimed by Paiva Concero at Aporto, Braga and Viseu. Government troops have started for those places to suppress the conspiracy. Manuel is reported to have attempted to frustrate the conspiracy.

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The water company expects to have plenty of water this year, so the restriction as to using it for irrigating lawns and gardens will not be necessary. They not only expect more water to fall, but intend to impound what does fall. It is to be hoped so. Last year was sure fierce.

Mrs. Samnella Adams, 463 19th street, died Sunday night and the remains were shipped by the Smallwood parlors to Santa Rosa last evening. She was aged 64 years and left a husband and son.

Harmony Court, Order of Amarath, will install its officers tonight. A good time is on the program.

Ed Johnson, B. Biddulch and E. Martin all paid fines to Judge Odell yesterday for not wearing masks. The former has been up several times and contributed now some $40. Cheaper to wear the muzzles.

Some nice rain, all right, and now the sun will come out and shine pretty soon and things will begin to grow so fast nobody will be able to keep up with 'em with a hoe. The days are already getting longer and an early spring is prophesied. Get your gardens ready.

Joe Sharp, recently returned from live in, but finds the same trouble arrived at the Presidio, and as soon as discharged will be home, and then resume his studies at the University of California.

Mr. George M. Rooker, the new manager here for the Western States Gas and Electric Company, is trying his best to get a home to one of the big military camps, has hundreds of others are constantly up against—"there hain't none." Mr. Rooker is a very pleasant gentleman and we think he is going to make lots of good friends here, same as Colonel Brewer did. He came from Tacoma and says Richmond looks like a mighty good town to him. So it does to all of us.

Phil Angel phoned in last night from Berkeley and wanted us to hold up that item about his sister and the new baby, as it was a "state secret." We would do most anything to accommodate Phil, as he is an old time friend, but that dodgasted hated rival of ours would be sure to get that news today, and so we just had to beat 'em to it.

Illness, either of themselves or in their families, kept Ed Gerrard, John Gerlach, Johnny Hartnett and Art Faris all away from council meeting last night. The flu doesn't seem to care a dern who it bites, but, like the rain, falls upon the just and the unjust.

The report that Isaac Lester has the flu is a mistake. Ike is pretty sick all right, but not with the epidemic. He has a hard cold and liver troubles, both of which he has had before. Well, we're glad he hasn't got the flu, anyway.

Weed and Fraser have their new jewelry and optician store open and doing business now, and it is one of the handsomest stores of the kind around the bay.

Harry Marcus is about well once more and on deck at the Big Store. He looks a bit pale around the gills as yet, but is worth a whole regimene of dead ones. Harry is so alive, in fact, usually, that it would be hard for him to ever be dead, either literally or figuratively.

For the past month the local circulation of the News has increased more rapidly than for a long time, which may be credited, probably, to the efforts of Mr. Boardman, the circulation manager. He has only been on the job three weeks, and has averaged nearly a hundred a week. He says he intndds to put on over a thousand new ones in the next thirty days, and he has our permission to do it, if it don't break us buying white paper.

C. E. Clark is very much improved, and is expected to be out again in a few days.

Arthur Crammer is ill at his home with the flu.

F. H. Heckman is convalescing from his recent illness.

The local fire department responded to a call Sunday morning at Portrero and 47th streets, near East Shore Park, to extinguish a fire caused by electrical trouble on a pole.

Miss H. Olney, librarian of the Point Richmond Library, is seriously ill at a local hospital.

Miss Meta Ludewig returned to Berkeley after a two weeks' stay at the home of her parents. She is attending the University of California.

Miss Ida Truitt of Cloverdale is visiting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Calfee for a few days. She is especting her son, Clarence Truitt, to be home from France in a few days.

The high school cadets of the Richmond High were inspected yesterday morning by the cadet officers. The two uniformed companies had their pictures taken by the official photographer of the school, Lloyd McCullough. On Lincoln's birthday the cadets will perform drills for the many visitors that the school will entertain on that day with their annual Lincoln Day exercises.

Miss F. Barth, head of the English department, returned to her classes at the school yesterday morning. She has been ill with the influenza for over three weeks.

P. H. McMenamin returned to Richmond Saturday morning from a trip to New Yorw, where he attended the funeral of his brother, William McMenamin of New York. Mr. McMenamin was away for three weeks.

W. D. Baker is ill at his home with the influenza. He is being attended by Dr. Morton of San Francisco.

George Hoyt of Berkeley was a visitor in Richmond yesterday afternoon on business.

H. G. Stidham has removed from 409 Richmond avenue to 224 Santa Fe avenue, which place he will make his future residence.

Mrs. C. C. Cozby of 131 Third street is ill at her home with the prevailing grippe.

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SHARKEY AND HANLON AFTER SUPPLY TRUST

The school supply trust of California, a concern that has mulcted the rural schools of millions of dollars in the years gone by, is facing its doom and will be compelled to do business in a legitimate way if a bill introduced by Senator Sharkey is enacted into law.

This bill passed the Senate two years ago, but was defeated in the Assembly through the pernicious activities of the school supply firms who maintained a strong lobby at Sacramento. It provides for the formation of the budget system for the formation of the budget system for school supplies and places upon the superintendent of schools the responsibility of purchasing these supplies through competitive bidding. It is enacting into law a scheme which originated with Superintendent of Schools William H. Hanlon of this county a number of years ago when he persuaded the trustees throughout the county to cooperate in the purchasing of the term's school supplies. So successful was this scheme that Hanlon invoked the aid of the State Board of Education which backed the bill introduced by Senator Sharkey two years ago. The committee hearings and debate upon the floor of the Senate brought forth the information that from one hundred to two hundred per cent was saved in many of the various items of supplies.

Council Talks Health; Gets Much Advice

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the Municipal Wharf from the Santa Fe tracks. This siding is built on a foundation of rock covered mud. Every time a storm or high tide plays upon the rip-rapping which protects the siding, the tracks keep sinking and mud and rock is washed out. The tracks have sunk six inches, due to storms, causing much labor and money to be expended by the Santa Fe. They ask that the city look into the matter of making a rip-rapping which will protect the siding.

Ask Improvements.

A communication was received from the Board of Education asking for improvements to Fortieth and Nadeau streets near the Grant school, in exchange for a strip of land given the city near the old Standard avenue school. The matter was laid over for one week.

Improve Nichol Avenue.

City Engineer Chapman was empowered to improve the condition of the block between Washington and Santa Fe streets on Nichol avenue, as the street is in a very bad condition. A new coat of oil will be laid over the loose rock.

To Improve Property.

A permit to improve property belonging to George Cushing was brought before the council. The plans call for street improvement around the property, which is located near Roosevelt and Clinton.

Treasurer's Statement.

The statement of the treasurer showed a balanc of $332,382.58 for the year ending Dec. 31, 1918.

Arc Light.

A petition for an arc light at the corner of Main and Twenty-Fifth street was referred to the light committee for report. A light was awarded for the corner of Thirteenth and Lucas streets.

Complete Western Drive.

Walter H. Robertson has deeded over the necssary land to the city to continue the western drive over the city tunnel and the Santa Fe tunnel. The work will begin as soon as possible. This improvement will enable traffic to increase in the resident district on the hills.

Davis Holdings Bought.

The City Council has agreed to take over the deed of $4,000 held by the Bank of Richmond on the corrugated iron building at Thirteenth street and the Santa Fe Railroad. The building will be used as a storage room. The $6,300 which th city paid for the building will be paid over during a period of time. J. J. Davis was the former owner.

Sullivan Saloon.

The Health Department complains that the saloon operated by Sullivan at B and Barrett streets is in a very filthy and insanitary condition. The proprietor was given time to clean up, but has not. The cuncil is to take action in taking the permit to operate away from the owner.

Pound Report.

The final city pound reports for December show 37 dogs killed; $7 in fees; 13 dogs in the pound. Feed for the animals taken in by pound amounted to $6.05. Fees collected from horses, cows and goats amounted to $16.

Building Report.

The building reports show that 20 permits issued for building, amounting to $24,600; fees to the city, $56.50. The electrical inspection report showed 20 permits, with $32.10 in fees.

Could't Inoculate the Sailor Boys

There was a long piece in the Examiner yesterday telling about an experiment of the government in trying to innoculate 100 sailors with flu germs, in the interest of finding out about the disease. Volunteers were asked for and 100 responded. These were treated to germs in every known way. Part of them were in San Francisco and part in Boston, and cultures of the influenza were put up their nostrils, given them by hypodermic injections, flu patients sneezed in their faces, and everything like that which could be thought of was done—and not a one of them got sick in the least.

Medical men are baffled and say the flu is a mystery. We do not see that this instance proves anything. Those navy men were hard as iron, with constitutions like bulls, and physically perfect. You couldn't kill one of them with an ax. But take 100 ordinary citizens from around town generally and put them through such a siege, the half of them would be dead in less than a week.

Lloyd Dicely is improving and will be well soon.

GRADUAL DECLINE OF THE EPIDEMIC

There is a gradual decline in the influenza epidemic in and adjacent to Richmond, and with the present favorable drop in the number of deaths and new cases, the Health Department hopes that in a very short period it will disappear altogether.

For the past two weeks it has been pretty bad, although nothing like it was in October. For the week of Jan. 6-13 there were 15 deaths; and for the week of Jan. 13-20 there were 12, making a total of 27 fatalities in the two weeks. For those same two weeks there were 286 and 268 new cases reported, making a total of 554.

Since the donning of the masks a week ago, however, a decline was noticed, and so far the two days of Sunday and Monday, ending last night, there were but four deaths and 34 new cases, averaging per day two deaths and 17 new cases. Ten days ago there were nearly 60 new cases each day, and now it has dropped to 17, which is considered a good showing, under all the circumstances.

Neighboring cities all report a decrease yesterday, also, so probably the worst is over and ordinary common sense and care will do the rest.

PARTY OF YOUNG FOLKS

A delightful get-together party was held last Friday night at the home of Miss Bernice Woods on Clinton avenue. The evening was spent in games, dancing and the making of plans for a reception which is to be held in the near future in honor of a few of Richmond's returned soldiers. An after midnight luncheon ended the happy party. The young people who gathered at the home of Miss Woods were Marion McMenimum, Catherine Mann, Agatha Woods, Bernice Woods, John Downey, Francis Powers, Emmett Sanford and Tom Norton.

ANOTHER DIVORCE GRANAED

Mrs. Hattie L. Sisell has been granted a decree of divorce in Judge McKensie's court on the grounds of cruelty and ill treatment against J. D. Sisell. The court also allowed Mrs. Sisell to retake her maiden name, Miss Hatti L. Hudson. Judge Hannum represented Miss Hudson.

Secretly Married; Baby Girl Arrives

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Angell stole away and were married a year ago. A telegram from Bakersfield to Mrs. B. F. Miner, Dorman's mother, announced the new addition to the family in the form of an eight-pound baby girl.

The young father and mother are both well known to thousands here in Richmond, where they were general favorites for years past, and the arrival of the little baby girl will come as a glad surprise to all, unless it might be to the immediate families, and if they knew it at all they kept it a dark secret, and kept it well.

Dorman was for some time on the circulation department of the News. He went from that into railroading, and shortly afterward, as it turns out, into matrimony.

The News and their hosts of friends here send congratulations and very best wishes for much joy over the little mite of humanity which has come to gladden their hearts and home.

SURELY POSSESSED OF NERVE

How Apparently Embarrassed Man Thanked Kind-Hearted Girl Who Paid His Fare.

Miss Doris Faithful is a front-row girl and the other day she lived right up to her name. She boarded a plebeian street car en route to her home, writes the New York York correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch. As she entered the car she became one of the platform audience to an altercation in progress between the conductor and a well-dressed, middle-aged man, who gave every evidence of wealth. The middle-aged one had tendered the conductor a $10 bill for his fare, and the latter declared that he could not make change. Also the conductor, after some debate, asserted that unless the man could produce a nickel he would be forced to leave the car. This is where Miss Faithful eased her way into the spotlight. Noting the man's discomfiture she politely offered him the loan of his fare. He accepted with protestations of gratitude, and insisted upon having her name and address. When she related her story to her sisters in art they all agreed she had made a financial coup, and that she would surely be rewarded by a handsome gift, and perhaps also be mentioned in the middle-aged one's will. Expectation ran high, therefore, when at the theater in the evening she opened an envelope which had been left for her at the stage door by one whose description corresponded with that of the man she had befriended on the street car. "Some check," she muttered, as with trembling fingers she tore open the envelope. Inside she found a lengthy letter expressing appreciation of "one who had the time and willingness to be courteous to a stranger," and postage stamps to the extent of five cents, in payment of the financial obligation incurred. That was all disappointing enough, but the real blow came in a postscript which read: "I should like to see you as you appear professionally and would appreciate a pass for two any night."

WHERE RAIN SELDOM FALLS

Chilean Provinces a Desert Region, Though the Climate Is Healthy Because Free From Germs.

The Chilean provinces of Atacama, Tarapaca and Tacna are in the rainless region, or desert country west of the Andes, and are entirely devoid of vegetation. The winds in all of this region are from the east, and in passing over the elevated perpetual snows of the Andes are stripped of their moisture and arrive on the coast perfectly dry.

The last rain, a slight shower which fell in Antofagasta, in Atacama province, was the first rain which had fallen in 16 years. The last rain which fell in Iquique, in Tarapaca province, was the first in 24 years. With both of these showers a notable phenomenon occurred. The bare hills back of these cities assumed a green tint from a little plant which sprang up almost in a night. The query is: "From where did this plant come?"

The whole of the coast presents a most dismal and discouraging appearance from the sea, but the climate is healthful, being especially adapted to pulmonary and throat troubles from its extreme dryness and freedom from germs. The heat is modified by a local sea breeze, and the sea bathing is most invigorating, as the water is cold.

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PEST SPREAD BY MOSQUITO

Scientists Have Traced Cause of Disease That Has Long Been Prevalent in the Tropics.

One of the most peculiar of all diseases is filariasis, common in the tropics. In the blood of persons suffering from it there are found innumerable little worms that can be seen only by the aid of a microscope. These are present only at night in the blood that is circulating. At about five o'clock in the afternoon they begin to appear in the blood, having been hidden away in the body until this time, and then they remain in the circulation until about midnight, when they begin to diminish. By eight or nine o'clock in the morning they have all disappeared, and a search of the blood under the microscope after this fails to reveal any. They are now collected in certain large blood vessels deep in the body, especially in the lungs, where they remain hidden until they go out on their next nocturnal excursion.

The parasite is conveyed to human beings by the bite of certain kinds of mosquitoes. The mosquito bites and takes from a man, or from some animal, as the case may be, blood which contains these small worms. In the stomach of the mosquito (the intermediate host) the parasite goes through certain definite changes or metamorphoses, which are just as necessary to its complete life as are the different phases in the lives of butterflies, moths and a great many insects. First it escapes from a skin or shell in which it has existed. Then it bores its way through the wall of the mosquito's stomach and travels forward through the body until it arrives at the base of the bill or proboscis.

"Say, pa," called the well-known and oft-heard voice.

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